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PERTINENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM STAFF STUDY ON TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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Careful consideration has been given to the Staff Study on Transportation, dated 13 June 1952, prepared by [REDACTED], Colonel. We fully concur in the following observations contained in the Staff Study of Colonel [REDACTED], which are quoted below:

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"The Travel Branch is and has been understaffed. Personnel are overworked, pay, especially in the lower grades, is not commensurate with duties and responsibilities, morale is low and turnover in personnel is high."

Page 9, Paragraphs (6) & (7)

"When Agency activities were limited in scope, transportation was not a major problem, but the steady development of CIA into an organization conducting world-wide operations has changed the picture considerably."

"It would appear that the overt administrative and support offices of CIA have been rigidly limited in size, in the face of rapid expansion on the part of their principal customers, the covert operating offices. This condition is certainly existent in the Transportation Division which has been unable to obtain badly needed additional positions, partially because of inability to clearly establish the need and partially because of lack of appreciation of the problem at higher levels. The resulting deficiency in quantity and quality of personnel has placed a continuous burden of detail upon several key people. Standard Operating Procedures in Transportation are nonexistent. A statement of the functions of the Division, proposed for issuance a year ago, was ruled as 'not of sufficient Agency interest'. Absence of such a statement has confused the operating divisions and has permitted transportation functions to appear in other offices without official authorization. Timely information to operating divisions has been delayed or absent, with the result that some operating divisions have set up their own transportation sections to provide their field stations with the information and support which should and could be provided by CIA Transportation Division if it were properly staffed."

Page 11, Paragraph (13)

"Present expenditures by CIA for transportation administrative costs applicable to the transportation of things approximate \$45,000.00 annually. Considering the responsibilities and issues involved, the amount is patently inadequate."

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"It can be expected that the extraordinary global responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency will continue to generate unique transportation problems more critical and complex than those of any other Government Agency."

Conclusions:

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"a. That the transportation problems of CIA have far outgrown the capabilities of the organization presently responsible for handling them.

b. That the present investment by CIA in transportation administration is patently inadequate.

c. That the stature of CIA, its high position in the Executive Branch of Government, its unique responsibilities, and its world-wide operations make mandatory the existence in the organization of an alert, efficient, first-class Transportation organization."

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"d. That prompt action be taken on the above recommendations to avoid further deterioration of transportation support to the operating offices."